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## Yokosuka remembers fallen sailors

BY CAITLIN DOORNBOS

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YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — Family, friends, sailors and others gathered at Yokosuka's chapel Tuesday to mark one year since a fatal collision took the lives of 10 sailors aboard the USS John S. McCain.

The guided-missile destroyer crossed into the path of a Liberian-flagged oil tanker in the Strait of Malacca east of Singapore on Aug. 21, 2017. The tanker impaled the McCain's port side, killing the sailors and injuring five others.

"We remember our fallen Shipmates today alongside many friends and family," said a message posted Tuesday to the ship's official Facebook page. "Their loss speaks to the bravery, resolve and resilience of all those who serve and have served aboard USS John S. McCain. We will never forget them."

The crash was the deadliest of two major collisions involving 7th Fleet ships last year. Two months earlier, seven sailors died when the USS Fitzgerald — a guided-missile destroyer also homeported at

Yokosuka — collided with a commercial vessel off Japan's Izu Peninsula.

At sunrise Tuesday, the crew of the McCain, which has been undergoing repairs at Yokosuka since December, held a 5K run on base in honor of their fallen shipmates. The destroyer's leadership aims to make it an annual event to mark future anniversaries of the collision.

Later that morning, "a solemn remembrance ceremony" was held at Yokosuka's Chapel of Hope "in memory of the ten Sailors who lost their lives," 7th Fleet spokesperson Lt. Joe

Keiley said in an email to Stars and Stripes. The gathering included McCain crewmembers, base residents and some family members of the fallen.

"Our thoughts and prayers will always remain with the families of our lost Sailors," Keiley added.

The base hosted a similar ceremony on June 17 to mark one year since the Fitzgerald collision. The Navy also held a ceremony in Pascagoula, Miss., where the ship is undergoing repairs that are estimated to cost about \$367 million, according to a Jan. 19 report by the U.S. Naval Institute.

## Soldier killed in Iraq helo crash ID'd

BY CHAD GARLAND

*Stars and Stripes*

The Pentagon has identified the soldier killed in a helicopter crash this week in western Iraq as Chief Warrant Officer 3 Taylor J. Galvin.

Galvin, 34, of Spokane, Wash., died in Baghdad from injuries sustained when the helicopter in which he was traveling crashed early Monday in Sinjar in Iraq's Nineveh province. Pentagon officials said that the chopper had been participating in a nighttime raid against an Islamic State target.

There were no indications that it was downed by enemy fire, according to a statement from the U.S.-led anti-ISIS coalition, Inherent Resolve. All personnel were recovered after the crash. Three other servicemembers were evacuated for additional treatment.

U.S. and coalition forces are primarily fighting ISIS in its last strongholds in eastern Syria's Middle Euphrates River Valley, but they also target remaining ISIS terrorist cells in other parts of Syria and Iraq.

A native of Phoenix, Ariz., Galvin was an MH-60M pilot assigned to Delta Company of Fort Campbell, Ky.-based 1st Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, according to a statement from U.S. Army Special Operations Command.

Beginning as a task force made up of 101st Airborne Division soldiers, the unit first saw operational use during the invasion of Grenada in 1983, later gaining notoriety after being featured in the book "Black Hawk Down" and its movie adaptation.

The regiment, which specializes in dangerous night operations and is known as the Night Stalkers, serves as the primary aviation unit for U.S. Special Operations Command and often ferries the Army's Delta Force, Navy SEALs and other U.S. commandos to and from dangerous missions. In the decades since the regiment was officially activated in its current form, it has expanded to meet demands for its assets.

Before joining the elite aviation unit in 2015, Galvin had deployed as a Black Hawk instructor pilot twice to Iraq and once to Afghanistan, said Lt. Col. Robert Bockholt, a spokesman for the Army's Special Operations Command. After joining the Army in 2003 as a CH-47 aircraft mechanic, he was accepted into Warrant Officer Candidate School in 2007 and graduated flight school the following year.

A combat veteran, he had received numerous awards and decorations, including the Air Medal with the combat "C" device and a Combat Action Badge. By the time of his death, Galvin had racked up nine deployments.

## Army reinstates some discharged immigrant recruits

At least three dozen immigrant recruits who were booted from the U.S. Army after enlisting with a promised pathway to citizenship are being brought back to serve, according to court records filed Monday.

Since Aug. 17, the U.S. Army has reinstated 32 reservists and revoked discharge orders of another six enlistees who had sued. Another 149 discharges have been suspended and are under review, Army Assistant Deputy for Recruiting and Retention Linden St. Clair said in the filing.

The reinstatements follow an Associated Press story in early July that revealed dozens of immigrant enlistees were being discharged or had their contracts canceled.

Some said they were given no reason for their discharge. Others said the Army informed them they'd been labeled as security risks because they have relatives abroad or because the Defense Department had not completed background checks on them.

They had enlisted under the Military Accessions Vital to the National Interest program to increase the number of soldiers with critical language or medical skills. The reinstatements come weeks after the Army reversed course, suspending the discharges at least temporarily.

# Rockets hit Kabul during Ghani's talk

Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Rockets were fired toward the presidential palace in Kabul on Tuesday as the Afghan president delivered his holiday message for the Muslim celebrations of Eid al-Adha, police said, prompting a ferocious aerial response.

Police initially blamed the Taliban, but an Islamic State affiliate later issued a brief statement saying it had fired mortar shells at the presidential palace. There was no immediate comment from the Taliban.

The first rocket landed somewhere near the presidency building, while the second hit near a NATO compound and the U.S. Embassy, but no one was hurt, said police official Jan Agha.

The boom of the rockets was heard in the live broadcast of President Ashraf Ghani's speech. Ghani interrupted his message to say, "If they are thinking the rocket attack will keep Afghans down, they are wrong."

The area where the rockets hit is one of the most secure in the Afghan capital, where embassies and government buildings are surrounded by high cement blast walls and coils of razor wire. Many streets near the U.S. Embassy are closed off, as well as those near sensitive government and military installations.

Kabul police spokesman Hashmat Stanekzai said Afghan police had noticed a sus-

picious vehicle earlier Tuesday and followed it to a mud-brick house near the sprawling Eid Gah mosque, where hundreds had gathered to pray during the Eid al-Adha holiday. Stanekzai told The Associated Press that the militants are believed to have fired the rockets from the house.

A helicopter gunship was called in and bombed the location, destroying the house and the vehicle.

Another police official, Mohammed Akram, said four attackers were apparently involved, though it was unclear if any survived the helicopter assault on the house. Police were combing the area in the heart of Kabul, where crowded open-air markets intrude on old residential areas of mostly mud-brick homes.

Interior Ministry spokesman Najib Danish later said all the attackers were killed. Two members of the Afghan security forces were wounded in the firefight, which also ignited a fire in a nearby market, he said.

The assault on the major Muslim holiday came amid an unrelenting wave of attacks across the country in recent weeks and dealt another blow to Ghani's efforts to revive peace talks to end the 17-year war. On Sunday, Ghani had offered a conditional cease-fire to last during the holiday, saying it would take effect only if the Taliban reciprocated.

# Pearl Harbor survivor who led quest to ID 'unknowns' dies at 97

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Stars and Stripes

FORT SHAFTER, Hawaii — Ray Emory, a Navy veteran who survived the Pearl Harbor attack and dedicated decades of his life to identifying fellow sailors who were killed that day and buried as "unknowns," died Monday in Boise, Idaho. He was 97.

The longtime Hawaii resident was feted in June in a dockside ceremony at Pearl Harbor near the place his ship, the USS Honolulu, was berthed during the Dec. 7, 1941, surprise attack by Japanese aircraft.

He told the sailors and guests gathered at the ceremony he was ready to "head for the mainland and get my head screwed back on" after the death of his wife, Jinny, a month earlier. He went to live with family members in Idaho.

Emory's first ship was the light cruiser USS Savannah, followed by an assignment aboard the light cruiser USS Honolulu, which was stationed at Pearl Harbor.

On the morning of Dec. 7, he was sitting on his bunk reading the morning newspaper when he heard general quarters sounded.

He reached his battle station — the .50 caliber machine guns — and had not even gotten the canvas covers off them before a Japanese torpedo plane zoomed past the ship's fantail. He watched a torpedo from that plane rushing through the water toward one the battleships. As

another torpedo plane swooped down, the first torpedo found its target and Emory said a "big red ball" of fire filled the harbor.

Emory was subsequently involved in seven invasions as American forces moved across the Pacific toward mainland Japan: Tarawa, Kwajalein, Saipan, Guam, Leyte Gulf, Lingayen Gulf and Iwo Jima.

In 1946, Emory left the Navy as a chief boatswain's mate.

Emory returned to Hawaii in the mid-1980s and made it his home.

He spent much of the time since then researching in an attempt to identify the remains of servicemembers who died aboard the USS Oklahoma on Dec. 7 and buried as "unknowns" in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu, also known as the Punchbowl.

He lobbied vociferously to have the remains exhumed and scientifically identified.

"Ray fought and fought hard," Jim Taylor, Pearl Harbor survivor liaison to Navy Region Hawaii, said during the June ceremony.

In the past few years, most of the unknown graves have been exhumed and transferred to the lab at the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for identification. More than 100 of them have been identified.

"If it wasn't for you, it would have never been done," Taylor said to Emory during the ceremony.

# Army officer arrested for having child pornography

Associated Press

A man accused last week of possessing child pornography is an officer at Fort Jackson in Columbia, S.C., officials announced Monday.

Capt. William E. Johnson, the operations officer for the 4th

Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment, was arrested Aug. 14 by the state Attorney General Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, a news release said.

He was charged with sexual exploitation of a minor in the third degree, the news release

said. South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson said Johnson had multiple files of child pornography.

The charges are felonies punishable by up to 10 years in prison on each count, Wilson said.

"The Fort Jackson command

is fully cooperating with local authorities," Fort Jackson officials said in a news release. "We take all allegations of misconduct seriously."

The Army news release said Johnson was suspended from his duties as a result of the charges.



# More Russia hacks uncovered

Associated Press

Microsoft has uncovered new hacking attempts by Russia targeting U.S. political groups ahead of the midterm elections.

The company said Tuesday that a group tied to the Russian government created fake websites that appeared to spoof two American conservative organizations: the Hudson Institute and the International Republican Institute. Three other fake sites were designed to look as if they belonged to the U.S. Senate.

Microsoft didn't offer any further description of the fake sites, and Russian officials dismissed its claims as unfounded.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov cited the lack of detail on the hack and said it wasn't clear "who the hackers in question are" and how they could distort the U.S. electoral system.

The revelation of new hacks arrives just weeks after a similar Microsoft discovery led Sen. Claire McCaskill, a Missouri

Democrat who is running for reelection, to reveal that Russian hackers tried unsuccessfully to infiltrate her Senate computer network.

The hacking attempts mirror similar Russian attacks ahead of the 2016 election, which U.S. intelligence officials have said were focused on helping to elect Republican Donald Trump to the presidency by hurting his Democratic opponent, Hillary Clinton.

This time, more than helping one political party over another, "this activity is most fundamentally focused on disrupting democracy," said Brad Smith, Microsoft's president and chief legal officer.

Smith said there is no sign the hackers were successful in persuading anyone to click on the fake websites, which could have exposed a target victim to computer infiltration, hidden surveillance and data theft. Both conservative think tanks said they have tried to be vigilant about "spear-phishing" email

attacks because their global pro-democracy work has frequently drawn the ire of authoritarian governments.

"We're glad that our work is attracting the attention of bad actors," said Hudson Institute spokesman David Tell. "It means we're having an effect, presumably."

The International Republican Institute is led by a board that includes six Republican senators and one prominent Russia critic and Senate hopeful, Mitt Romney, who is running for a Utah seat this fall.

Microsoft calls the hacking group Strontium; others call it Fancy Bear or APT28. An indictment from U.S. special counsel Robert Mueller has tied it to Russia's main intelligence agency, known as the GRU, and to the 2016 email hacking of both the Democratic National Committee and the Clinton campaign.

"We have no doubt in our minds" who is responsible, Smith said.

# Sen. Collins meets with nominee for high court

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh met Tuesday with Republican Sen. Susan Collins, of Maine, a centrist who's seen as a potential swing vote on his confirmation, while Democrats push him to release more documents from his years in the George W. Bush White House.

Collins supports abortion rights and has vowed to oppose any nominee who has "demonstrated hostility" to *Roe v. Wade*. But she has spoken highly of President Donald Trump's nominee, saying he's qualified for the job.

The meeting Tuesday comes as Kavanaugh, an appellate court judge, is making the rounds on Capitol Hill ahead of confirmation hearings in September. One key meeting will be with Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., who says he'll ask Kavanaugh to fully support releasing documents from the Bush White House that Republicans have declined to review.

Schumer said he will ask Kavanaugh, as he has Republicans, "What are they hiding?"

He expects the judge to be able to fully explain his record. "I hope he comes prepared to answer direct questions," he said.

Democrats complain that Republicans, who have a slim 51-49 majority in the Senate, are withholding documents in their rush to confirm Trump's pick for the court ahead of the midterm elections.

Kavanaugh, 53, is a conservative who, in replacing retired Justice Anthony Kennedy, could tip the court rightward for a generation.

Several Democratic women senators joined with advocates for women's health care Tuesday to talk about the stakes of adding Kavanaugh to the court, particularly when it comes to access to abortion services.

# US deports former Nazi camp guard, 95

Associated Press

BERLIN — The last Nazi war crimes suspect facing deportation from the U.S. was taken from his New York City home and spirited early Tuesday morning to Germany following years of efforts to remove him from the United States.

The deportation of the former Nazi camp guard, Jakiw Palij, 95, came 25 years after investigators first confronted him about his World War II past and he admitted lying to get into the U.S., claiming he spent the war as a farmer and factory worker.

Palij lived quietly in the U.S. for years as a draftsman and then as a retiree, until nearly three decades ago when investigators found his name on an old Nazi roster and a fellow former guard spilled the secret that he was "living somewhere in America."

Palij told Justice Department investigators who showed up at his door in 1993: "I would never

have received my visa if I told the truth. Everyone lied."

A judge stripped Palij's citizenship in 2003 for "participation in acts against Jewish civilians" while an armed guard at the Trawniki camp in Nazi-occupied Poland and Palij was ordered deported a year later.

Because Germany, Poland, Ukraine and other countries refused to take him, he continued living in limbo in the two-story, red brick home in Queens he shared with his wife, Maria, now 86. His continued presence there outraged the Jewish community, attracting frequent protests over the years that featured such chants as, "Your neighbor is a Nazi!"

According to the Justice Department, Palij served at Trawniki in 1943, the same year 6,000 prisoners in the camps and tens of thousands of other prisoners held in occupied Poland were rounded up and slaughtered. Palij has admitted serving in Trawniki but denied

any involvement in war crimes.

Last September, all 29 members of New York's congressional delegation signed a letter urging the State Department to follow through on his deportation.

Richard Grenell, the U.S. ambassador who arrived in Germany earlier this year, said President Donald Trump — who is from New York — instructed him to make it a priority. He said the new German government, which took office in March, brought "new energy" to the matter.

Video footage from ABC News showed federal immigration agents carrying Palij out of his Queens apartment on a stretcher sometime during the day Monday.

Palij was wrapped in a sheet as the agents carried him down a brick stairway in front of his home and into a waiting ambulance. Palij landed in the western German city of Duesseldorf on Tuesday.



# Man admits to killing wife, blames her for kids' deaths

Associated Press

DENVER — The father of two young girls found submerged in oil tanks after being missing for days told authorities his pregnant wife killed the children after learning he wanted a separation, and that he erupted in rage after witnessing the killings and strangled their mother inside the family's suburban Denver home, according to court documents.

Days after letting police inside his home so they could help find his missing family, Christopher Watts told investigators "he would tell the truth."

Watts first asked to speak with his father, then admitted to killing his wife, Shanann. Watts told police in court papers released Monday that he killed her after witnessing her strangling one of the girls on a baby monitor. The other child had already been killed by the woman, he said.

Watts, 33, faces three first-degree murder charges, two counts of murdering a child under 12, one count of unlawful termination of a pregnancy and three counts of tampering with a deceased human body. He was scheduled to appear in court Tuesday and is being held without bail.

District Attorney Michael Rourke declined to answer questions about the case Monday.

Police first visited the family's house on Aug. 13, after a friend asked officers to check on Shanann Watts. She had missed a doctor's appointment and wasn't answering calls or text messages hours after returning home after a business trip, the friend reported.

When Shanann Watts and the girls did not return home by Tuesday morning, investigators ramped up their efforts with the help of the Colorado Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

It wasn't until Wednesday night that Christopher Watts made his promise to tell police the truth.

According to Watts' account, the early hours of Aug. 13 began with an intense conversation. He said he told his wife that he wanted a separation. Separately in the papers released Monday, investigators said they learned that Watts was "actively involved in an affair with a co-worker," something he denied in earlier conversations with police.

Watts told police that after discussing the separation he walked downstairs.

When he returned, he told them he spotted a baby monitor on his wife's nightstand — displaying her "actively strangling" their 3-year-old daughter, Celeste. He said the video feed also showed their other daughter, 4-year-old Bella, "sprawled out on her bed and blue."

"Chris said he went into a rage and ultimately strangled Shanann to death," the document said.

Watts, an operator with Anadarko Petroleum, said he loaded his wife and daughters' bodies into the back seat of his truck and drove to an oil work site about 40 miles east of the family's home. There, he buried Shanann Watts' body and "dumped the girls inside" oil tanks, according to the court document.

## Confederate statue at UNC toppled by protesters

Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — A Confederate statue in the heart of North Carolina's flagship university was toppled Monday night during a rally by hundreds of protesters who decried the memorial known as "Silent Sam" as a symbol of racist heritage.

The bronze figure of a southern soldier atop a tall stone pedestal, erected by the United Daughters of the Confederacy in 1913, had been under constant police surveillance after being vandalized in recent months, costing the university hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Protesters appeared to outwit officers by splitting into two groups. Most marched away from the statue while a smaller group surrounded it with banners on bamboo poles, concealing efforts to tie a rope or cable around it. Then the groups converged and yanked it down, according to videos.

Many students, faculty and alumni had called the statue a racist image and asked officials to take it down. Others argued that it should remain as a tribute to fallen ancestors. Protesters responded to the assertion that the statue wasn't a symbol of white power by reading its 1913 dedication speech, by tobacco magnate Julian Carr, celebrating the Ku Klux Klan's post-war campaign to terrorize former slaves.

UNC leaders including Chancellor Carol Folt had previously said state law prevented the school from removing it. Once it was down, a dozen officers surrounded the fallen statue, which was eventually covered with a tarp.

North Carolina ranks among the handful of Southern states with the most Confederate monuments, and has been a focal point in the national debate over them following a deadly white nationalist protest a year ago in Charlottesville, Va.

## Korean families have 2nd day of reunions

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — A mother wailed as she embraced a son she hasn't seen since the 1950-53 Korean War. A woman wept as she greeted a grandfather she never got to know.

The scenes of Koreans meeting this week, likely for the last time before they die, are heart-breaking, but they often belie a highly political and tightly controlled event in which participants often struggle to have genuine conversations.

Much of the awkwardness centers on the defining fact of the Korean Peninsula: For decades, it has been divided between the authoritarian North, originally backed by the Soviet Union and then, during the war, commu-

nist China, and the U.S.-backed capitalist South. Citizens from both nations, especially the elderly who remember the bitterness and bloodshed of the war, often wear their nationalism on their sleeves, and some South Koreans have complained that their relatives take every chance to score propaganda points for their authoritarian nation.

About 200 South Koreans and their family members crossed the border on Monday for three days of meetings with their North Korean relatives.

The relatives have been given a total of 12 hours together, including three hours in private. Another 337 South Koreans and accompanying family members will participate in a second

round of reunions from Friday to Sunday.

After sleeping separately Monday night, the relatives had private meetings at hotel rooms on Tuesday morning before meeting again in group sessions later in the day.

South Korean participants at past reunions have complained that the heavy monitoring presence of North Korean officials and intense media coverage made genuine conversations difficult or impossible.

The North sees the reunions as a crucial tool to win concessions from the South, but it has rejected the South's demands to increase the number of reunions and the people participating in them.

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Boy reopens shuttered lemonade stand

**NY** BALLSTON SPA — A 7-year-old New York boy is back selling lemonade — and raising money for a friend in need — after a state health inspector put the squeeze on him last month.

Brendan Mulvaney raised more than \$900 on Saturday for the family of a 12-year-old girl who is facing surgery to fix a bowleg deformity.

An inspector shuttered Mulvaney's stand in Ballston Spa on July 27 because he didn't have a permit. State officials said vendors from a nearby county fair had complained.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo directed health officials to work with Mulvaney's family to ensure he could reopen.

## Police cite 10 drivers for driving too slow

**CT** HAMDEN — Connecticut State Police usually pull over cars for driving too fast.

But Sunday, troopers stopped and ticketed 10 cars for going too slow.

Police received several calls from angry motorists about what were described as "racing type cars" slowing traffic to a crawl on the Wilbur Cross Parkway in New Haven and Hamden. Police said the lead car was filming the other cars, which were blocking both lanes of the highway so no other vehicles could pass.

All 10 vehicles were pulled over and the drivers were cited.

## Unusual Disney phone case goes viral

**UT** SALT LAKE CITY — Disney-loving Mormons are buzzing over a phone case made by an Australian

company that features the characters from "Beauty and the Beast" in front of the Mormon temple, which the Hong Kong designer thought was a castle.

The Salt Lake Tribune reported Katie Hoyos, a mother of four boys, is a megafan of the 1991 animated classic and a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She posted a photo of the case on Facebook. The post has since been shared more than 5,000 times on the social media site and made the rounds on Reddit.

Pinky Beauty Australia, which made the case, says it has sold out since Hoyos' post.

## Stolen SUV rolls into cop car as driver flees

**PA** DUQUESNE — Authorities said the driver of a stolen SUV ran off while the vehicle was still in gear, causing it to roll back into and damage a police car.

A Duquesne officer on patrol passed the vehicle at about 8:20 p.m. Sunday. Authorities said the driver appeared to be impaired and soon turned into an alley.

The officer found the SUV a short time later and started to approach it. When the driver got out, the SUV began rolling backward and struck the rear passenger side of the police car, causing undisclosed damage.

## Team of rescuers free deer trapped in well

**DE** ARDEN — A team of rescuers freed a deer from a well in Delaware.

News outlets reported that a dog found the young buck trapped in a well Saturday.

Claymont Fire Capt. Ed Anderson and his crew called in the New Castle County High Angle Response Team, Kent County Large Animal Rescue Team, a veterinarian from the

Brandywine Zoo, Delaware Animal Response and tight-space rescue technicians to free the deer.

The rescuers tranquilized the deer with a dart and had him out within 11 minutes. The zoo vet cleared the deer before rescuers left the buck in the woods to recover on his own.

## Instagram video leads police to stolen AR-15

**FL** BOYNTON BEACH — An Instagram video tipped off police looking for an assault rifle that had been stolen from a sheriff's deputy's unmarked car.

An arrest affidavit said a 17-year-old teen is accused of taking the weapon and tactical gear on Aug. 14. Boynton Beach police arrested him Saturday after he was seen in an Instagram video holding the AR-15 in the air as he danced to rap music. Investigators said the social media video gave them grounds for a search warrant.

The deputy told police the items, including two loaded magazines, a Taser and a ballistic helmet, were taken from his car while it was parked outside a shopping center.

## Gas station raid yields drugs in coffee maker

**GA** ATLANTA — Police said an Atlanta gas station store's cappuccino maker housed an unusual ingredient: drugs.

Atlanta police Officer Kensley Gachette told WSB-TV that a Chevron in southeast Atlanta was targeted by police because of "all the violence and all the drugs that was coming out of this location."

Gachette said police found drugs in the cappuccino machine, on shelves and amid potato chips. He said officers also found crack cocaine and

MDMA.

The Georgia Bureau of Investigation, the Georgia Department of Agriculture and Georgia Lottery assisted with the raid, which also yielded the discovery of illegal cash payouts, illegal alcohol sales and outdated food on shelves.

## Police recover puppy stolen from vehicle

**MN** CHASKA — Police recovered an 11-week-old puppy stolen from a car in Chaska.

The Chaska Police Department said in a Facebook post Sunday that the dog named Goldy was recovered.

Police said a suspect has been identified and the investigation is still active. A woman was suspected of stealing the puppy from a car parked outside a Goodwill store in Chaska.

Goldy's owner described the dog as a mini Labradoodle.

## Record-setting pilot to christen airship

**OH** AKRON — The youngest woman to fly solo in a single-engine plane around the world will christen Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.'s newest airship.

Akron-based Goodyear said Shaesta Waiz, 30, will christen the Wingfoot III airship Aug. 30 at the tire maker's Wingfoot Lake hangar in Suffield Township.

Waiz flew around the world from May 13 to Oct. 4, 2017, stopping in 22 countries to promote science, technology, engineering and mathematics, or STEM, education.

Wingfoot Three is Goodyear's third new technology, semi-rigid airship built in conjunction with German manufacturer Zeppelin.

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# With preseason rankings come expectations

Associated Press

Broadly speaking, a team that starts the season in the Top 25 and finishes it unranked has had a disappointing season, failing to meet expectations. The converse is likely to be true as well.

Critics of preseason polls complain about setting artificial expectations, but it could be argued polls merely reflect expectations determined by factors such as the previous year's record, recent recruiting and returning talent.

The AP preseason Top 25 is out, and for the third straight year Alabama is No. 1. Nobody in Tucsaloosa needed a panel of 61 media members from around the country to tell them the Crimson Tide are expected to contend for a second straight national championship, and sixth under coach Nick Saban.

Heat Check was curious to find out how the teams in the preseason poll have done during the BCS/CFP era (1998-2017) when it comes to producing surprisingly good seasons (start unranked, finished ranked) and surprisingly bad ones (start ranked, finished unranked). Are some teams prone to unpredictability? Which are chronically underrated? Which tend to be overrated?

What we learned:

## No. 1 Alabama

**Open:** vs. Louisville in Orlando, Fla., Sept. 1.  
**Seasons started ranked, finished unranked:** 2 (avg. rank: 14).  
**Seasons started unranked, finished ranked:** 2 (avg. rank: 9.5)  
**Heat check:** Those four seasons above came during the volatile pre-Nick Saban era. The Process does not allow for volatility.

## No. 2 Clemson

**Open:** vs. Furman, Sept. 1.  
**Seasons started ranked, finished unranked:** 4 (avg. rank: 15.3)  
**Seasons started unranked, finished ranked:** 5 (avg. rank: 22).  
**Heat check:** Clemsoning is dead for sure, but it was very much a real thing. From 2000-11, the Tigers alternated between seasons in which they would:  
A) Modestly exceed expectations.  
B) Build hope for a breakout the following year.  
C) Fail to fulfill those hopes.  
Since 2012, however, Clemson's final ranking has been better than its preseason ranking every year, which is kind of amazing.

## No. 3 Georgia

**Open:** vs. Austin Peay, Sept. 1.  
**Seasons started ranked, finished unranked:** 5 (avg. rank 13.6).  
**Seasons started unranked, finished ranked:** 1 (22).

**Heat check:** Four of those disappointing seasons came from 2009-15, and followed a 2008 season in which Georgia started No. 1 and finished No. 13. That's why Mark Richt is no longer Georgia's coach. The next challenge for Kirby Smart is meeting raised expectations.

## No. 4 Wisconsin

**Open:** vs. Western Kentucky, Aug. 31.  
**Seasons started ranked, finished unranked:** 5 (avg. rank 18.6).  
**Seasons started unranked, finished ranked:** 3 (avg. rank 10.3).  
**Heat check:** The perception of the Badgers as overachievers is built more on recruiting rankings than the polls. But when the Badgers do exceed expectations they tend to do it in a big way, with three top-15 finishes after starting the season unranked.

## No. 5 Ohio State

**Open:** vs. Oregon State, Sept. 1.  
**Seasons started ranked, finished unranked:** 4 (avg. rank 16.5).  
**Seasons started unranked, finished ranked:** 0.  
**Heat check:** Hard to exceed expectations when they are always high. The Buckeyes are the only team to appear in the preseason poll every season during the BCS/CFP era. The overall streak of preseason Top 25 appearances is 30.

## No. 6 Washington

**Open:** vs. No. 9 Auburn at Atlanta, Sept. 1.  
**Seasons started ranked, finished unranked:** 4 (avg. rank 17.3).  
**Seasons started unranked, finished ranked:** 1 (25).  
**Heat check:** Hard to disappoint when little is expected. That was the case most of the time for the Huskies since 1998. From 2002-15, Washington finished a season ranked just once. Enter Chris Petersen. Problem solved.

## No. 7 Oklahoma

**Open:** vs. FAU, Sept. 1.  
**Seasons started ranked, finished unranked:** 2 (avg. rank 3.5).  
**Seasons started unranked, finished ranked:** 0.  
**Heat check:** The Sooners have been a model of consistency since Bob Stoops led them to their last national title in 2000, but they have had two of the most spectacular flameouts in recent years. In 2014, they started fourth and finished unranked, and in 2009 they went from No. 3 to unranked. Both of those teams had unexpected quarterback issues. OU is replacing Baker Mayfield this year. Just saying.

## No. 8 Miami

**Open:** vs. LSU at Arlington, Texas, Sept. 2.  
**Seasons started ranked, finished unranked:** 2 (avg. rank 12.5).  
**Seasons started unranked, finished ranked:** 2 (avg. rank 19.5).  
**Heat check:** The U has not been ranked preseason top 10 since 2005 so if nothing else the expectations are back.

## No. 9 Auburn

**Open:** vs. Washington in Atlanta, Sept. 1.  
**Seasons started ranked, finished unranked:** 5 (avg. rank 14).  
**Seasons started unranked, finished ranked:** 4 (avg. rank 14.5).  
**Heat check:** Legendary Alabama football player Forrest Gump once compared life to a box of chocolates because "You never know what you're gonna get." He could have been describing Auburn football. The Tigers have come from nowhere to contend for championships and three times started the season in the top 10 only to finish unranked.

## No. 10 Penn State

**Open:** vs. Appalachian State, Sept. 1.  
**Seasons started ranked, finished unranked:** 3 (avg. rank 19.3).  
**Seasons started unranked, finished ranked:** 2 (avg. rank 5).  
**Heat check:** Penn State has re-established itself as a program with a national championship-

contender ceiling under coach James Franklin. This season is about sustainability.

## No. 11 Michigan State

**Open:** vs. Utah State, Aug. 31.  
**Seasons started ranked, finished unranked:** 5 (avg. rank 18.2).  
**Seasons started unranked, finished ranked:** 4 (avg. rank 12.6).  
**Heat check:** During coach Mark Dantonio's 11-year tenure, the Spartans have more often than not been underestimated by poll voters. There have also been two seasons in which Michigan State started in the top 15 and finished unranked. Such is the nature of a program that does not recruit at an elite level. Every once in while there is not enough sheer talent to mask problems.

## No. 12 Notre Dame

**Open:** vs. Michigan, Sept. 1.  
**Seasons started ranked, finished unranked:** 7 (avg. rank 18.2).  
**Seasons started unranked, finished ranked:** 5 (avg. rank 11.2).  
**Heat check:** Only Arizona State has had as many seasons in the BCS/CFP era where it has been ranked in the preseason but unranked at the end. The Irish have also had more unranked-to-top 20 seasons (five) than any team in the country. (Amazingly, Arizona State made the preseason Top 25 eight times from 1998-2017 and only in one of those seasons (2014) did the Sun Devils finish in the rankings.)

## No. 13 Stanford

**Open:** vs. San Diego State, Aug. 31.  
**Seasons started ranked, finished unranked:** 1 (11).  
**Seasons started unranked, finished ranked:** 2 (avg. rank 10).  
**Heat check:** The Cardinal have been about as steady as David Shaw's temperament.

## No. 14 Michigan

**Open:** at No. 11 Notre Dame, Sept. 1.  
**Seasons started ranked, finished unranked:** 3 (avg. rank 10.7).  
**Seasons started unranked, finished ranked:** 2 (avg. rank 12).  
**Heat check:** In three seasons as coach, Jim Harbaugh has produced one unranked-to-ranked season and one ranked-to-unranked. And no victories against Ohio State, which is really the problem.

## No. 15 USC

**Open:** vs. UNLV, Sept. 1.  
**Seasons started ranked, finished unranked:** 5 (avg. rank 11.4).  
**Seasons started unranked, finished ranked:** 0.  
**Heat check:** Two of those five ranked-to-unranked seasons were pre-Pete Carroll. But the post-Carroll dynasty Trojans make a case for being the most consistently over-ranked team in the country. Since 2009, USC has been in every preseason poll and only twice finished better than it started. Most infamously, No. 1 to unranked in 2012.

## No. 16 TCU

**Open:** vs. Southern, Sept. 1.  
**Seasons started ranked, finished unranked:** 4 (avg. rank 18.8).  
**Seasons started unranked, finished ranked:** 5 (avg. rank 10.6).  
**Heat check:** Beware an overlooked Gary Patterson team. Four times the Horned Frogs have gone from unranked to top 11 under Coach P.

## No. 17 West Virginia

**Open:** vs. Tennessee at Charlotte, Sept. 1.  
**Seasons started ranked, finished unranked:** 5 (avg. rank 15.8).  
**Seasons started unranked, finished ranked:** 4 (avg. rank 18.3).  
**Heat check:** The Mountaineers had a good run of top-10 finishes right before leaving the Big East, but since arriving in the Big 12 they have been more likely to come up short of expectations.

## No. 18 Mississippi State

**Open:** vs. Stephen F. Austin, Sept. 1.  
**Seasons started ranked, finished unranked:** 2 (avg. rank 20).  
**Seasons started unranked, finished ranked:** 5 (avg. rank 16.4).  
**Heat check:** The Bulldogs clearly prefer being off the radar. All five times they have finished ranked since 1998 they started unranked and both times they were in the preseason poll they tanked.

## No. 19 Florida State

**Open:** vs. No. 20 Virginia Tech, Sept. 3.  
**Seasons started ranked, finished unranked:** 4 (avg. rank 12.8).  
**Seasons started unranked, finished ranked:** 1 (21).  
**Heat check:** Last season's most disappointing team — started No. 3 and finished unranked — looks to get back to normal.

## No. 20 Virginia Tech

**Open:** at No. 19 Florida State, Sept. 3.  
**Seasons started ranked, finished unranked:** 2 (avg. rank 12.5).  
**Seasons started unranked, finished ranked:** 3 (avg. rank 16.3).  
**Heat check:** The Hokies have mostly delivered as expected, but this year's ranking seems overly optimistic.

## No. 21 UCF

**Open:** at UConn, Aug. 30.  
**Seasons started ranked, finished unranked:** 0.  
**Seasons started unranked, finished ranked:** 3 (avg. rank 12.3).  
**Heat check:** The Knights are ranked in the preseason for the first time. Certainly not as high as their fans believe they should be, but, hey, it's better than not being ranked at all.

## No. 22 Boise State

**Open:** at Troy, Sept. 1.  
**Seasons started ranked, finished unranked:** 4 (avg. rank 21).  
**Seasons started unranked, finished ranked:** 7 (avg. rank 13.9).  
**Heat check:** In their BCS-busting heyday, the Broncos set the standard for overlooked teams. From 2002-08, Boise State started unranked five times and finished no worse than 16, with a high of No. 5 in 2006.

## No. 23 Texas

**Open:** vs. Maryland at Landover, Sept. 1.  
**Seasons started ranked, finished unranked:** 3 (avg. rank 14.3).  
**Seasons started unranked, finished ranked:** 1 (15).  
**Heat check:** Voters seemed determined to be ahead of the curve for the Longhorns' long-awaited revival. Texas hasn't finished a season ranked since 2012, but for the second straight season it will start at No. 23.

## No. 24 Oregon

**Open:** vs. Bowling Green, Sept. 1.  
**Seasons started ranked, finished unranked:** 4 (avg. rank 20.8).  
**Seasons started unranked, finished ranked:** 4 (avg. rank 15.3).  
**Heat check:** These fringy preseason rankings have not worked out too well for the Ducks, three times failing to finish ranked when they started in the 20s.

## No. 25 LSU

**Open:** vs. No. 8 Miami at Arlington, Texas, Sept. 2.  
**Seasons started ranked, finished unranked:** 4 (avg. rank 20.8).  
**Seasons started unranked, finished ranked:** 4 (avg. rank 15.3).  
**Heat check:** There was a perception the Tigers were big underachievers toward the end of Les Miles' tenure, but his teams were preseason ranked every season from 2005-16 and only twice did they finish unranked. Underachieving this year's relatively modest expectation could be a problem for coach Ed Orgeron.

# Ravens spoil QB Luck's homecoming

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The Baltimore Ravens spoiled Andrew Luck's Indianapolis homecoming.

They picked him off before allowing a completion, and Terrell Suggs nearly chopped the ball out of Luck's hands on a sack. The Ravens then secured a 20-19 preseason win over the Colts by stopping a late 2-point conversion run.

Luck was just OK in his first home start since Jan. 1, 2017. But he did receive a roaring ovation from the crowd when he took the field, led the Colts to one score and apparently emerged unscathed after going down twice on sacks.

"Not too sharp, certainly red-zone turnovers are a negative, missed a couple of throws I'd like to hit," he said. "And I didn't feel like we, as an offense, got into any semblance of a sustained rhythm."

Expectations were high fol-

lowing a solid start in Seattle.

This time, the Colts (1-1) looked sloppy.

Luck missed his first three throws, the third winding up in the hands of Ravens safety Anthony Levine Jr. Luck rebounded to finish 6-for-13 for 50 yards and set up 45-year-old Adam Vinatieri for a 57-yard field goal before leaving in the second quarter.

If Luck had his way, he might have played longer. But first-year coach Frank Reich wasn't taking any chances with Luck's surgically repaired arm.

"We just never found a rhythm for him and some of his balls were not his best balls," he said. "But I still have a lot of confidence we're headed in the right direction."

Joe Flacco, Lamar Jackson and the Ravens looked better.

Flacco went 7-for-9 for 72 yards and one touchdown. Jackson then showed flashes of what helped him win the 2016

Heisman Trophy.

Jackson was 7-for-15 for 49 yards and a TD and carried four times for 26 yards before giving way to another Heisman winner, Robert Griffin III, in the fourth quarter.

Indy had a chance at the end after Tarell Basham recovered a fumble at the Ravens 9. Five plays later, Phillip Walker threw a 9-yard TD pass to Zach Pascal with 2:24 left. But the Ravens (3-0) stopped Walker on the 2-point try, recovered the onside kick and ran out the clock.

"Happy to get the win," Ravens coach John Harbaugh said. "We did a lot of things that weren't winning football, especially in the second half."

The Ravens made it tough on Indy all night.

They stopped Indy twice in the red zone and nearly had a third when Jordan Wilkins fumbled the ball into the end zone, where it bounced right into the hands of receiver Ches-

ter Rogers.

Flacco gave the Ravens a 7-3 lead early in the second quarter when he hooked up with John Brown on a 7-yard score, and Jackson's masterful hurry-up drive at the end of the first half ended with Justin Tucker's 38-yard field goal with 2 seconds left.

When Colts rookie Nyheim Hines fumbled away the opening kickoff of the second half, Jackson hooked up with Chris Moore on a 7-yard TD pass to make it 17-10.

**Staying calm:** Saturday's joint practice between the teams was marred by two skirmishes, one which resulted in both teams running from the sideline to the middle of the field.

Though the officials called 21 penalties, including five that went for at least 15 yards, there were no such incidents Monday after Reich publicly criticized his team for being undisciplined in practice.

## Bills name rookie Allen starter vs. Bengals

Associated Press

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Rookie quarterback Josh Allen moved one step closer to becoming the Buffalo Bills' starter.

Coach Sean McDermott is providing the strong-armed, first-round draft pick his opportunity to win the job by naming him the starter in Buffalo's preseason game against the Cincinnati Bengals on Sunday.

The team announced the decision on its Twitter account Monday evening after Allen practiced with the first-string offense earlier in the day.

The Bills provided no other details regarding the decision, and McDermott isn't scheduled to address reporters until Friday. Allen and offensive coordinator Brian Daboll are currently scheduled to speak to the media when the team returns to practice Wednesday.

Allen's chance comes after he showed continued improvement working with the second- and third-stringers in Buffalo's first two preseason games.

He went 9-for-19 for 116 yards and a touchdown in overseeing the third-string offense in a preseason-opening 28-23 loss to Carolina two weeks ago.

On Friday, he went 9-for-13 for 60 yards and a touchdown in leading the second-

string offense on scoring drives — including two field goals — on each of his three series in a 19-17 win at Cleveland.

Allen, on Friday, wasn't prepared to say whether he's made a case to earn a shot at starting.

"That's not up to me. That's completely up to the coaches," he said. "As of now, I'm looking to improve. I know there's a lot of things to improve on and I'll continue to do that."

At 6-foot-5 and 240 pounds, Allen represents the future after Buffalo traded up five spots to select him with the No. 7 pick to make him the third quarterback taken in the draft at that point.

The 22-year-old, who grew up in Central California, became the first quarterback Buffalo has ever chosen among the top-10 picks, and is being counted upon to fill a job that's been mostly unsettled since Hall of Famer Jim Kelly retired after the 1996 season.

The question remained how much time Allen would require to polish his performance after he was knocked for being erratic at times during his three college seasons at Wyoming.

McDermott took what he's called a calculated approach in gradually developing

Allen during an offseason-long quarterback competition rounded out by returning backup Nathan Peterman and offseason veteran free-agent addition AJ McCarron.

McCarron's status is uncertain after he hurt his right throwing shoulder in the first quarter against Cleveland.

McCarron missed the past two practices, though he was spotted on Monday preparing to ride a stationary bike at the Bills facility on Monday.

In speaking before practice, McDermott provided no indication he had made a decision to start Allen.

He merely said the quarterback rotation would continue without McCarron, and that it was Allen's turn to practice with the starters.

Allen has stuck by McDermott's cautious approach.

"You just got to trust the process. Coach always preaches that," Allen said last week.

"I'm just trying to learn, trying to get better every day," he added. "I'm trying to become the best quarterback that I can be. It's going to take time."

Allen's timeline sped up Friday in replacing McCarron, who was sacked once and hit several more times in failing to generate a first down in four series with the starters.



# Allen's homer lifts Indians over Red Sox

Associated Press

BOSTON — Boston pitcher Rick Porcello had the wind knocked out of him after taking a hard liner to the stomach. Two pitches later, Cleveland's Greg Allen knocked the energy right out of Fenway Park.

Allen hit a go-ahead home run in the seventh inning right after Porcello was struck, Corey Kluber tied for the major league lead with his 16th win and the Indians beat the Red Sox 5-4 Monday night.

"That was intense," Allen said. "You really weren't sure (if he was staying in) especially after a hit like that."

In a meeting of AL division leaders — and a matchup of the last two Cy Young Award winners, it was 3-all into the seventh.

Porcello (15-6) retired the leadoff batter and walked the next hitter. Yan Gomes followed with a liner that hit Porcello near the stomach — Porcello retrieved the ball near the mound, threw to second for a forceout and then slid to his knees, grabbing the spot where he was hit.

Porcello was checked on the mound, took a practice toss or two, and stayed in the game. Allen then sent a drive into the Indians' bullpen for his second home run of the season.

"I don't think the one that hit him had any effect on the next pitch. The first changeup was a good one," Boston manager Alex Cora said. "Then he threw another one and he hung it."

Porcello said after he caught his breath that he was fine. He

was more bothered by what he threw after that.

"The pitch to Allen — I'm not trying to take anything away from him — but I think even I could have hit that one pretty hard," he said. "That was not a good pitch and it came at the worst possible time."

Kluber (16-6) pitched into the seventh inning and matched Washington's Max Scherzer and the Yankees' Luis Severino for the most victories in the majors.

Michael Brantley and Melky Cabrera also homered to help the AL Central-leading Indians improve to 14-4 in August.

Xander Bogaerts had an early two-run single and an RBI single in the ninth for East-leading Boston.

The Red Sox had the first two

runners on against closer Cody Allen in the ninth, and scored a run on Bogaerts' dribbler with two outs before Ian Kinsler flied out with two runners on base, leaving them with just their fifth loss in 22 games.

"That's what's called holding on for dear life," Indians manager Terry Francona said.

Allen posted his 25th save.

"You can breathe a sigh of relief after throwing 27 pitches and 20 of them were questionable and seven of them were good," he said.

Kluber, who won his second Cy Young Award last year, gave up three runs and nine hits, striking out six and walking one in 6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings.

Porcello allowed five runs on three homers, fanning six and walking one over seven.

## MLB roundup

# Davis homers in jersey signed by fan, A's top Rangers

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Khris Davis hit a long home run after letting a young fan from the Make-A-Wish Foundation sign his jersey, Ramon Laureano hit the first two homers of his career, and the Oakland Athletics beat the Texas Rangers 9-0 on Monday night.

Davis' shot for his 37th homer of the year was estimated at 438 feet and clanked off a window in the suite-level in left-center field. He did it wearing a uniform signed by 10-year-old Anthony Slocumb. The Oakland sixth-grader attended the game with a group from the Make-A-Wish Foundation, and Davis asked him to sign his jersey before the game.

Laureano connected in the second and again in the sixth with a three-run shot that chased Bartolo Colon (7-11), the 45-year-old Rangers starter scratched a day earlier against the Angels because of back stiffness.

Stephen Piscotty homered

in the seventh and Marcus Semien added an RBI double to back Mike Fiers (9-6) as Oakland matched Houston atop the AL West.

**Cardinals 5, Dodgers 3:** Los Angeles closer Kenley Jansen allowed ninth-inning homers to visiting St. Louis' Jedd Gyorko and Matt Carpenter in his return from the disabled list.

Gyorko pinch hit and sent a 1-1 pitch into center field leading off. Carpenter followed with his NL-leading 34th homer, also to center, stunning the small crowd that remained through the four-plus-hour game.

**Braves 1, Pirates 0:** Bryse Wilson worked five solid innings, becoming the third 20-year-old pitcher to start in his big league debut for visiting Atlanta this season.

Wilson (1-0) allowed three hits, struck out five and walked three as Atlanta increased its NL East lead to one game over idle Philadelphia while ending its four-game skid.

**Mariners 7, Astros 4:** Robinson Cano hit his first home

run since returning from an 80-game suspension, a three-run shot in the eighth inning that lifted host Seattle to a key win over Houston.

Seattle won its fifth straight against the Astros, thanks to a huge night from Cano. He doubled twice earlier in the game — his first two extra-base hits since coming back from his suspension for violating baseball's joint drug policy. But those were precursors to his drive to left-center field off Houston's Collin McHugh (5-2) with one out in the eighth.

**Giants 2, Mets 1 (13):** New York left fielder Dominic Smith plowed into shortstop Amed Rosario on a potential inning-ending popup in the 13th and the ball dropped, giving visiting San Francisco the tiebreaking run.

The Giants had runners at first and third with two outs when Brandon Crawford lifted a lazy pop. Rosario ranged into shallow left field, waved off Smith and was in position for a routine catch.

But the bulky Smith, who more often plays first base, came charging in and barged into Rosario. The ball ticked off Rosario's glove and fell to the ground, and Andrew McCutchen scored on a botched play scored as an error on Smith.

**Blue Jays 5, Orioles 3:** Kendrys Morales homered twice, Marco Estrada (7-9) pitched 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings to win his second straight start and Toronto improved to 8-0 at home against Baltimore.

**White Sox 8, Twins 5:** Matt Davidson homered, Lucas Giolito (9-9) struck out six in six innings and visiting Chicago spoiled Stephen Gonsalves' major league debut.

**Rays 1, Royals 0:** Ryan Yarbrough helped extend his team's shutout streak to 23 innings, and host Tampa Bay got its only run via video replay.

**Brewers 5, Reds 2:** Travis Shaw and Christian Yelich homered, Chase Anderson settled in after giving up two solo homers and host Milwaukee rallied past Cincinnati.